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# DRUM BEAT

Only the fierce Modocs knew the terrible meaning of each beat of the DRUM

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*in*

**DELMER DAVES'**

**"DRUM BEAT"**

*Co-Starring*

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**MARSIA PAVAN**

*with*

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**ALAN LADD as JOHNNY MACKAY**

**Charles Bronson as Captain Jack**



When The President asks one Indian Fighter . . .



To go after the Chief of The Modocs . . .



And he's the famous and dangerous Captain Jack . . .



It takes skill and courage to bring the Modoc in!

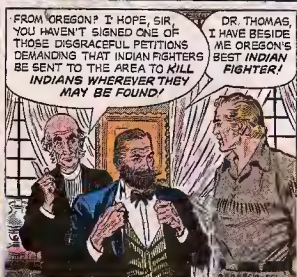
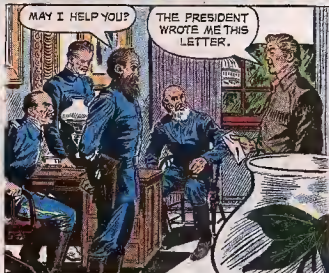
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WASHINGTON, D.C., 1863...

THAT'S THE WHITE HOUSE?

YEP! AND PRESIDENT GRANT'S HOME! DROPPED IN TO SEE THE GENERAL THIS AFTERNOON! HAD A NICE CHAT ABOUT THE BATTLE OF SHILOH! GAVE ME THIS CIGAR!



DELL COMICS ARE GOOD COMICS

HAVE YOU **BLOOD**  
ON YOUR HANDS?

I THINK I'D BETTER  
KEEP YOU TWO APART!  
REALLY, ALL DR. THOMAS  
WANTS IS FAIR TREATMENT  
FOR THE INDIANS AND  
SO DO I!



MACKAY, I WANT  
TO KNOW ABOUT  
THE **MODOC INDIAN**  
**TROUBLE** AND THEIR  
LEADER--**CAPTAIN**  
**JACK!**

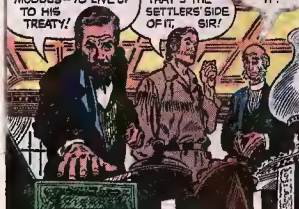
IT BOILS DOWN TO  
THIS, SIR--CAPTAIN  
JACK WANTS TO TAKE  
OVER THE WHOLE **LOST**  
**RIVER VALLEY!**



I'M TOLD THE ONLY POSSIBLE  
WAY TO PEACE IS TO GET CAPTAIN  
JACK BACK ON THE **RESERVATION**  
WITH THE FRIENDLY  
**MODOGS**--TO LIVE UP  
TO HIS  
TREATY!

WHAT  
ABOUT THE  
**MODOGS'**  
SIDE OF  
IT?

THAT'S THE  
SETTLERS' SIDE  
OF IT, SIR!



CAPTAIN JACK SAYS HE COULDN'T  
READ THE TREATY HE SIGNED FIVE  
YEARS BACK! BUT I'VE HUNTED  
AND FISHED WITH HIM AND KNOW  
HE **CAN** READ AND TALK ENGLISH.  
HE'S **LYING!**

I HAVE  
LETTERS  
FROM  
WHITE MEN  
**PRaising**  
HIM TO THE  
SKIES!



SURE! HE'S SMART ENOUGH TO  
FOOL WHITE MEN--THEN HE GETS  
THEM TO WRITE WHAT A GOOD  
INDIAN HE IS! WHENEVER HE  
GETS INTO TROUBLE, HE SHOWS  
THE LETTERS TO THE JUSTICE OF  
THE PEACE, NOT THAT HE HAS  
TO WORRY--HE HAS THE  
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE  
FOOLED, TOO!

I KNOW  
PEACEFUL  
MEANS HAVE  
FAILED, BUT  
MUST WE  
RESORT TO  
FORCE?



WHY ASK HIM?  
I CAN SEE HE  
**RELISHES**  
KILLING INDIANS!  
THOUGH I WONDER  
IF HIS FAMILY  
APPROVES!

MY FAMILY **ALL** DIED IN A  
MASSACRE! MY MOTHER,  
FATHER AND TWO KID BROTHERS  
WERE SLAIN IN THEIR BEDS  
AND SCALPED! NO, I DON'T  
KNOW IF THEY'D APPROVE OF  
MY BEING AN INDIAN FIGHTER!  
NEVER HAD A CHANCE TO  
ASK 'EM!





I SUPPOSE YOU WONDER WHY I SENT FOR YOU? I WAS EDUCATED AS A SOLDIER, SO I KNOW A FIGHTER KNOWS BEST THE MEANING OF PEACE! I WANT YOU TO LAY ASIDE YOUR RIFLE AND BRING PEACE TO THE MODOC VALLEY!

GET CAPTAIN JACK AND HIS MODOCS OUT OF LOST RIVER VALLEY-- TO THE RESERVATION?



THAT'S THE ONLY AVENUE TO PEACE! AND I WANT YOU TO DO IT WITHOUT GUNS! WILL YOU TRY?

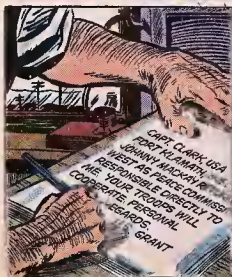
I SURE DIDN'T COME THREE THOUSAND MILES TO SAY "NO" TO MY PRESIDENT!



AND I'VE ANOTHER, BUT MORE PLEASANT TASK FOR YOU! MISS NANCY MEER IS THE DAUGHTER OF ONE OF MY OLDEST FRIENDS, COLONEL MEER! SHE IS GOING TO SETTLE ON HIS RANCH IN LOST VALLEY! YOU'LL ESCORT HER THERE!



AND LATER, THE TELEGRAPH WIRES LEADING ACROSS LOST RIVER VALLEY TO THE TOWN OF YREKA HUM...

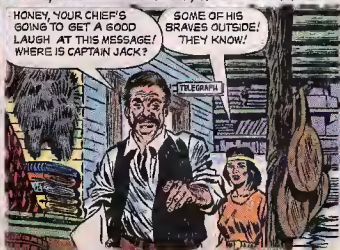


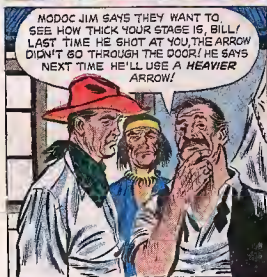
CAPT. CLARK USA  
FORT KLAMATH  
JOHNNY NACKATIE  
WEST AS PEACE COMMISSION  
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTLY TO  
ME. YOUR TROOPS WILL  
COOPERATE. PERSONAL  
REGARDS.  
GRANT

AS INSIDE THE GENERAL STORE, BLAINE CRACKEL, JUSTICE OF PEACE, TELEGRAPHER AND TRADER, COPIES THE MESSAGE...

HONEY, YOUR CHIEF'S GOING TO GET A GOOD LAUGH AT THIS MESSAGE! WHERE IS CAPTAIN JACK?

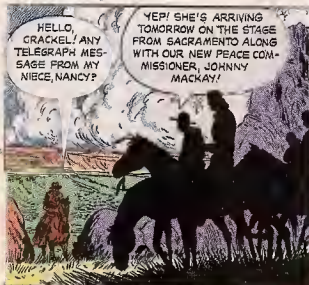
SOME OF HIS BRAVES OUTSIDE! THEY KNOW!





**L**ATER... AS BLAINE CRACKEL RIDES WITH THE MODOC BRAVES ALONG LOST RIVER VALLEY, HE MEETS AND TELLS THE TELEGRAPH MESSAGE TO CAPTAIN JACK...





HELLO, CRACKEL! ANY TELEGRAPH MESSAGE FROM MY NIECE, NANCY?

YEP! SHE'S ARRIVING TOMORROW ON THE STAGE FROM SACRAMENTO ALONG WITH OUR NEW PEACE COMMISSIONER, JOHNNY MACKAY!



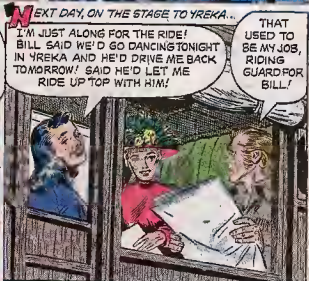
WHY YOU WEAR THIS SOLDIER SUIT? YOU GOING TO FIGHT AGAIN, MAYBE?

NO! I'VE BEEN UP TO FORT KLAMATH! THEY JUST GOT AROUND TO GIVING ME THIS MEDAL!



YOU'RE A FARMER NOW! WHAT YOU WANT WITH MEDALS? MAYBE YOU BETTER SELL THEM TO ME!

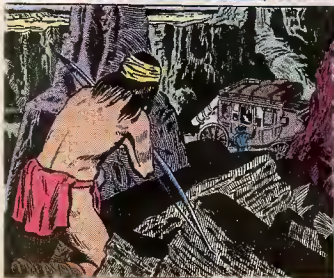
NO, THANKS! AND MAYBE YOU HAD BETTER STOP WEARING A CAPTAIN'S COAT YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO WEAR AND MEDALS SOMEBODY ELSE MAY HAVE DIED FOR.



**N**EXT DAY, ON THE STAGE TO YREKA...

I'M JUST ALONG FOR THE RIDE! BILL SAID WE'D GO DANCING TONIGHT IN YREKA AND HE'D DRIVE ME BACK TOMORROW! SAID HE'D LET ME RIDE UP TOP WITH HIM!

THAT USED TO BE MY JOB, RIDING GUARD FOR BILL!



**A**ND AS THE HORSES DRINK, SUDDENLY...







**L**ATER BY CEMETERY HILL...



WHO ASKED  
YOU HERE,  
CRACKEL?

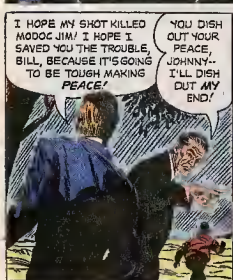
I WAS JUST PAYING MY  
RESPECTS TO THE DECEASED



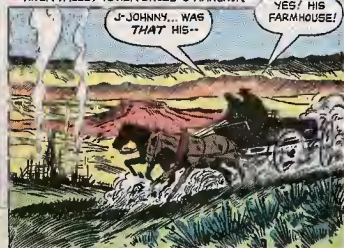
GO PAY YOUR RESPECTS TO YOUR  
INJUN FRIEND, CAPTAIN JACK! TELL  
HIM WE LOST ONE INJUN FIGHTER  
WHEN JOHNNY MACKAY SIGNED UP  
AS PEACE COMMISSIONER, BUT WE  
JUST GOT A NEW ONE--ME! AND  
IF MODOC JIM'S STILL LIVING, I'M  
GOING TO KILL HIM!

I HOPE MY SHOT KILLED  
MODOC JIM! I HOPE I  
SAVED YOU THE TROUBLE,  
BILL, BECAUSE IT'S GOING  
TO BE TOUGH MAKING  
PEACE!

YOU DISH  
OUT YOUR  
PEACE,  
JOHNNY--  
I'LL DISH  
OUT MY  
END!



**L**ATER, AS JOHNNY DRIVES NANCY MEEK ACROSS LOST  
RIVER VALLEY TO HER UNCLE'S RANCH...



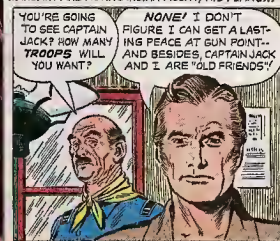
J-JOHNNY... WAS  
THAT HIS--

YES! HIS  
FARMHOUSE!



DEAD-- AND THE  
MEDALS WERE RIPPED  
FROM HIS  
UNIFORM!

**T**AKING NANCY MEEK TO FORT KLAMATH FOR  
QUARTERS, JOHNNY TELLS CAPTAIN CLARK, COM-  
MANDANT AND ACTING INDIAN AGENT, HIS PLANS...



YOU'RE GOING  
TO SEE CAPTAIN  
JACK? HOW MANY  
TROOPS  
WILL  
YOU WANT?

NONE! I DON'T  
FIGURE I CAN GET A LAST-  
ING PEACE AT GUN POINT--  
AND BESIDES, CAPTAIN JACK  
AND I ARE "OLD FRIENDS!"

JOHNNY, THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. GRANT IN THEIR TELEGRAM OF CONDOLENCE OFFERED TO TAKE ME INTO THEIR FAMILY! THEY'RE VERY GENEROUS--BUT I CAME HERE BECAUSE I WANTED TO HELP SETTLE THE WEST! MY UNCLE'S FARM IS MINE NOW--I'M STAYING!

CAPTAIN! MODOCS!

THEY'RE FRIENDLIES FROM THE KLAMATH RESERVATION! TOBY AND MANOK ARE DAUGHTER AND SON OF THE OLD CHIEF!

HELLO, TOBY! HELLO, MANOK!

MY BROTHER AND I COME FROM THE KLAMATH RIVER TO SPEAK FOR OUR PEOPLE! WE LEARN YOU COME TO BRING PEACE! WE WANT IT! BUT CAPTAIN JACK WILL NOT SETTLE FOR LESS THAN WHAT HE WANTS!

HOW DO YOU SUGGEST I GET PEACE FOR YOUR PEOPLE?

I THINK IT BEST THAT YOU KILL CAPTAIN JACK!

MAYBE THAT'S THE RIGHT WAY, BUT I'VE GIVEN MY WORD TO THE PRESIDENT THAT I'LL TRY FOR PEACE WITHOUT GUNS! I'M RIGID ALONE FOR CAPTAIN JACK'S CAMP AT DAWN.

ALONE? YOU SAVED MY LIFE ONETIME. TOMORROW, MANOK AND I GO WITH YOU!

THE NEXT MORNING, AS THEY RIDE THROUGH LOST RIVER VALLEY, APPROACHING THE DEFIANT MODOC STRONG-HOLD, SENTRIES FOLLOW THEIR PROGRESS.

**A**ND SUDDENLY...

KAWTAR!  
KAWTAR!

I'M ON MY  
WAY TO MAKE  
PEACE TALK  
WITH CAPTAIN  
JACK!

ENOWA!

HE SAYS  
CAPTAIN JACK  
NOT TALK

I UNDERSTAND!  
AND IF THEY DON'T  
MOVE, THEY'RE GET-  
TING RUN OVER!

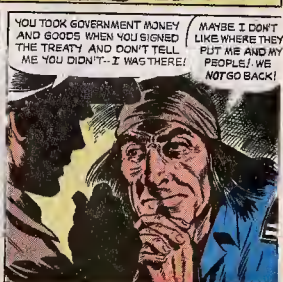
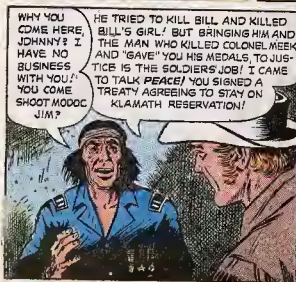
GIDDAP!

**A**ND AS THE SURPRISED MODCS GIVE  
GROUND, THE THREE RIDERS RACE THROUGH...

WHY DIDN'T  
THEY SHOOT?

MAYBE  
THE SHOOTING  
COMES NEXT!







IT'S BETTER LAND THAN YOU LIVED ON BEFORE THE TREATY AND YOU KNOW IT! MOST OF YOUR PEOPLE LIKE IT!

I AM DONE TALKING! LOST RIVER VALLEY IS MINE!

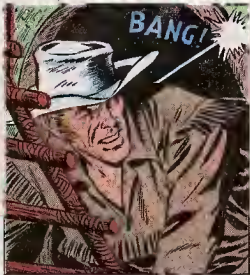
NO IT ISN'T, JACK! YOU BROKE A TREATY AND TOOK IT! LET'S PUT AN END TO KILLING--I BRING PEACE IF YOU WANT IT!

MAYBE YOUR PRESIDENT SICK OF WAR! I NOT SICK OF IT! SO GIVE ME ALL LOST RIVER AND KICK WHITE MEN OUT!



SURE, AND NEXT YOU'D SAY, "GIVE ME ALL THE KLAMATH RIVER!" THINK IT OVER! IN WAR, ONLY ONE SIDE WINS! IN PEACE BOTH SIDES WIN! YOU HOLO A COUNCIL AND LET ME KNOW YOUR ANSWER!

LOST RIVER MINE! I KILL TO KEEP IT MINE!



YOU ARE ONE MAN! WE ARE FIFTY WARRIORS! IT TAKES THANKS, JACK! ONLY ONE WARRIOR TO KILL YOU!

AS JOHNNY STARTS UP THE LADDER, CAPTAIN JACK NODS AND MODOC JIM FOLLOWS, RIFLE IN HAND. WHILE OUTSIDE...

JOHNNY, MODOC JIM IN THERE?

BILL, YOU CONFOUNDED FOOL! PULL OUT!





**A**S JOHNNY AND THE OTHERS GALLOP  
FROM THE MODOC CAMP, WAR DRUMS BEAT.



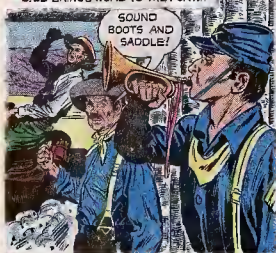
**A**ND SUDDENLY, ACROSS THE PEACEFUL VALLEY  
FARMLANDS, THE MODOC WAR CRY ECHOES...



ONE AFTER ANOTHER, UNSUSPECTING LOST RIVER PIONEERS FALL BEFORE THE SUDDEN ATTACK...



AS JOHNNY RIDES TO WARN THE SETTLERS, BILL BRINGS WORD TO THE FORT...



LIEUTENANT GOODSALL, RIDE TO FORT BIDWELL FOR REINFORCEMENTS! OUR FIRST TASK WILL BE TO MAKE CERTAIN THE MODOCS ON THE RESERVATION DON'T JOIN CAPTAIN JACK!



AND BY STRONGHOLD ROCK, CAPTAIN JACK'S MODOCS PREPARE FOR WAR...







SOLDIERS KNOW  
NOW, BOGUS CHARLEY!  
TELL CAPTAIN JACK,  
MANOK AND TOBY  
COME!



WHAT FOR YOU  
CHICKEN-HEARTS  
COME HERE? MAYBE  
YOU FIGHT NOW,  
MANOK?

JACK, THREE MAD DOGS HERE,  
BOGUS CHARLEY, SCARFACE, AND  
LONG JIM KILL EIGHTEEN SETTLERS!  
BETTER TO GIVE THEM TO SOLDIERS  
THAN TO LOSE THREE HUNDRED  
OF OUR PEOPLE IN WAR!



YOU CAN SAVE OUR PEOPLE, JACK!  
YOU CAN DO THIS!

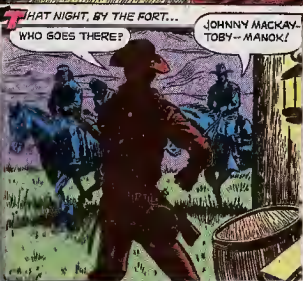
I NOT  
AFRAID  
OF WAR!

WE KILL PLENTY  
SOLDIERS PRETTY  
GOOD!



KNOW WHERE THE  
MODOCS ARE, JOHNNY?

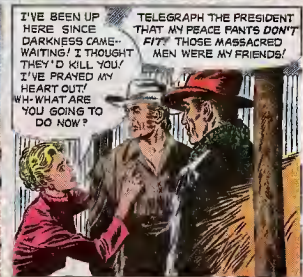
STRONGHOLD ROCK!  
THIS ISN'T TURNING  
INTO A PICNIC!



THAT NIGHT, BY THE FORT...

WHO GOES THERE?

JOHNNY MACKAY.  
TOBY -- MANOK!



I'VE BEEN UP  
HERE SINCE  
DARKNESS CAME--  
WAITING! I THOUGHT  
THEY'D KILL YOU!  
I'VE PRAYED MY  
HEART OUT!  
WH-WHAT ARE  
YOU GOING TO  
DO NOW?

TELEGRAPH THE PRESIDENT  
THAT MY PEACE PANTS DON'T  
FIT! THOSE MASSACRED  
MEN WERE MY FRIENDS!





BUT IF THERE'S FIGHTING, ONE DAY THERE'LL BE PEACE AND GENERAL GRANT WOULD WANT YOU READY TO MAKE IT!

JOHNNY, GENERAL GILLIAM ARRIVED AND HE'S WAITING FOR YOU INSIDE!

QUICKLY, JOHNNY EXPLAINS TO THE COMMANDING GENERAL WHERE CAPTAIN JACK HAS HOLED UP...

IN THE CAVES UP THERE, SIR, THE MODOCOS COULD HOLD OUT FOREVER!

YOUR ORDERS CAME FROM THE PRESIDENT AND THE ONLY FIGHTING HE WANTS YOU TO DO IS FOR PEACE! BUT MY ORDERS ARE TO BRING THOSE KILLERS IN FOR TRIAL-- EVEN IF I HAVE TO GO UP THERE TO GET THEM.

DAWN, AT THE FOOT OF STRONGHOLD ROCK...

THE LINE'S MOVING FORWARD, JOHNNY! I'M TAKING THE OREGON VOLUNTEERS AROUND THE EAST SIDE WHERE THEY'VE GOT A BETTER CHANCE!

GOOD LUCK, BILL! I'M STUCK DOWN HERE BEING "PEACE" COM-MISSIONER!



ONLY THE SOUND OF BOOTS STRIKING SHALE BREAKS THE GRIM SILENCE, AS THE DISMOUNTED CAVALRYMEN PUSH UPWARD...



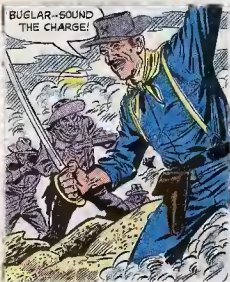
THEN SUDDENLY...

THEY'RE UP THERE, ALL RIGHT! FORWARD!

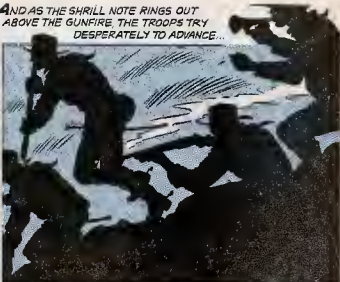
OWW!!



BUGLAR--SOUND  
THE CHARGE!



AND AS THE SHRILL NOTE RINGS OUT  
ABOVE THE GUNFIRE, THE TROOPS TRY  
DESPERATELY TO ADVANCE...



LET'S TAKE IT, MEN!  
UP--ALL THE WAY!

OWW!!

CAN'T  
HIT 'EM IF  
YOU CAN'T  
SEE 'EM!

BUT  
THEY SURE  
SEE US!



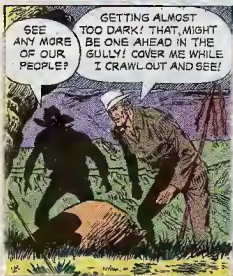
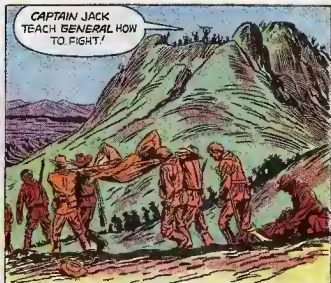
THROUGH BINOCULARS, JOHNNY WATCHES THE VOLUN-  
TEERS, AS EVERY MAN WHO TRIES TO RUSH FORWARD IS  
CUT DOWN THE SECOND HE EXPOSES HIMSELF...



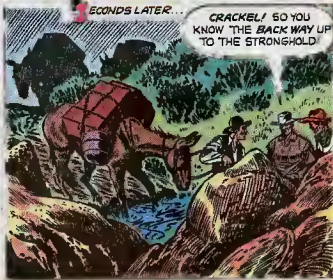
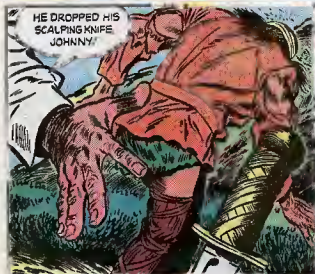
THEY CAN'T  
SURVIVE THAT  
CROSS-FIRE, SIR!

THEY WON'T REACH  
THE SUMMIT--SOUND  
THE RETREAT!

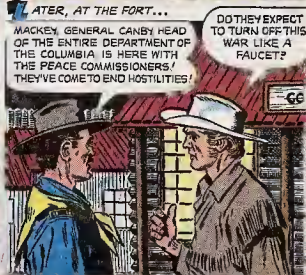
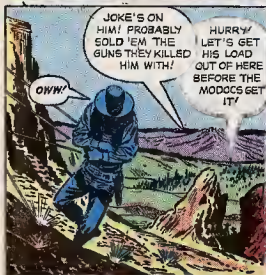
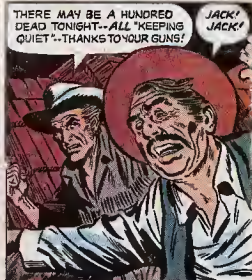
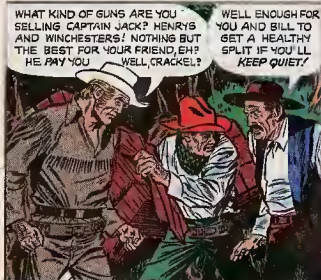












MR. MACKAY, THE SECRETARY OF WAR HAS INSTRUCTED ME TO CEASE ALL OPERATIONS AGAINST THE MODOCS! GENERAL GILLIAM WILL USE TROOPS ONLY TO REPEL ATTACK! DO YOU THINK THAT SHOULD HELP ACHIEVE A PEACE?

NO, SIR! THERE ARE TOO MANY DEAD! THERE WON'T BE PEACE TILL THE MODOCS WHO MURDERED THE SETTLERS ARE TRIED AND PUNISHED!

MR. MACKAY, THE PRESIDENT SENT ME TO HEAD OUR PEACE COMMISSION! HE DIDN'T THINK A WHOLE-HEARTED PEACE ADVOCATE WOULD HURT!

WE'LL NEED ALL THE HELP WE CAN GET, DR. THOMAS! I KNOW MR. DYAR HERE SHOULD BE ABLE TO GIVE US GOOD ADVICE! HE'S ONE OF THE EARLIEST PIONEERS IN THIS TERRITORY!

HOW CAN WE ARRANGE A MEETING WITH CAPTAIN JACK?

TOBY AND MANOK ARE FRIENDLY INDIANS WHO WANT PEACE AS MUCH AS WE DO! WE CAN TRUST THEM TO ARRANGE A POWWOW!

OUR CAUSE IS GOOD! WITH HEAVEN'S HELP, WE CAN'T FAIL!

HOPE YOU'RE RIGHT, DOC! BUT HEAVEN'S PLENTY FAR FROM THAT STRONGHOLD!

THE NEXT DAY, TOBY AND MANOK TELL CAPTAIN JACK OF THE PEACE COMMISSIONERS' DESIRE FOR A MEETING. IN SECRET COUNCIL, THE MODOCS PLAN TO AMBUSH THE PEACE OFFICERS, AND THEN CAPTAIN JACK RETURNS WITH A MESSAGE.

I WILL MAKE THIS TALK! COME TO COUNCIL PLACE-- HALF WAY DOWN AT NOON! ONLY PEACE MEN!

HOW MANY WARRIORS YOU BRING?

SAME NUMBER GENERAL CANBY DO! BUT NO GUNS!

GOOD! WE TELL PEACE MEN AND WE TELL OUR PEOPLE. THEY WILL BE GLAD.

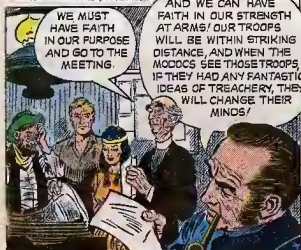


OLD WEISM  
BECKONS!



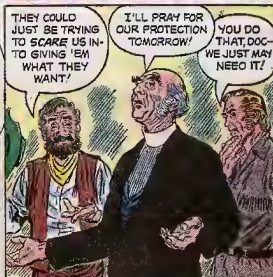
TOBY, CAPTAIN JACK SPEAKS WITH FORKED TONGUE!  
WHEN HE COUNCILED WITH THE BRAVES INSIDE THE  
CAVE, THEY FORCED HIM TO SWEAR HE WILL KILL  
THE PEACE MEN!

**T**HAT NIGHT, TOBY REPORTS FIRST TO JOHNNY, WHO  
WARNS THE OTHERS...



WE MUST  
HAVE FAITH  
IN OUR PURPOSE  
AND GO TO THE  
MEETING.

AND WE CAN HAVE  
FAITH IN OUR STRENGTH  
AT ARMS! OUR TROOPS  
WILL BE WITHIN STRIKING  
DISTANCE, AND WHEN THE  
MODOCs SEE THOSE TROOPS,  
IF THEY HAD ANY FANTASTIC  
IDEAS OF TREACHERY, THEY  
WILL CHANGE THEIR  
MINDS!

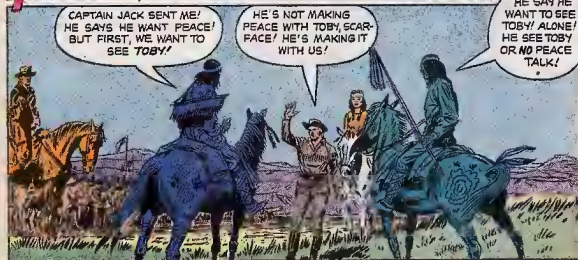


THEY COULD  
JUST BE TRYING  
TO SCARE US IN-  
TO GIVING 'EM  
WHAT THEY  
WANT!

I'LL PRAY FOR  
OUR PROTECTION  
TOMORROW!

YOU DO  
THAT, DOC-  
WE JUST MAY  
NEED IT!

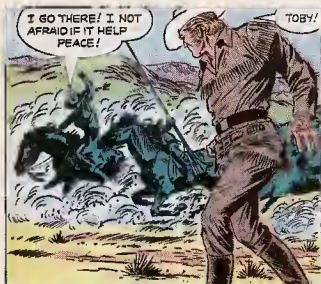
**T**HE NEXT MORNING, AS THE TROOPS FORM AT THE FOOT OF STRONGHOLD ROCK...



CAPTAIN JACK SENT ME!  
HE SAYS HE WANT PEACE!  
BUT FIRST, WE WANT TO  
SEE TOBY!

HE'S NOT MAKING  
PEACE WITH TOBY, SCAR-  
FACE! HE'S MAKING IT  
WITH US!

HE SAY HE  
WANT TO SEE  
TOBY! ALONE!  
HE SEE TOBY  
OR NO PEACE  
TALK!



I GO THERE! I NOT  
AFRAID IF IT HELP  
PEACE!

TOBY!



SOON...

YOU TELL  
PEACE MEN WE  
KILL THEM?

YES!



WHO  
TELL YOU?

THE SPIRITS--  
THEY TELL ME!



SOMEBODY LIED TO YOU! PEACE  
MEN NOT GET KILLED! YOU TELL THEM  
WE NOT TAKE GUNS TO TALK! GO NOW!  
TELL THEM WE MEAN PEACE!



AND ASTOBY RIDES OUT OF SIGHT...

WHEUM,  
WE KNOW  
ALL TIME  
WHOTALK!  
YOU TALK  
NO MORE



MINUTES LATER, TOBY REPORTS...

TOBY, SOMETIMES IT'S  
NECESSARY TO TAKE RISKS  
TO WIN A PEACE AS IT IS IN  
WAR TO WIN VICTORIES!

BUT HE ONLY  
SAY HE COMES  
WITHOUT GUNS!  
JACK LIES! HE  
KILL YOU!



I'M THE ONLY ONE HERE WHO MADE A PROMISE TO THE PRESIDENT, SO I THINK EACH OF YOU MUST DECIDE FOR HIMSELF!

FINDING A WAY TO MAKE PEACE WITH MURDERERS WILL NEVER BE A SIMPLE PROBLEM! AS A GENERAL I CAN'T BACK DOWN. I'M GOING WITH YOU!

JOHNNY AND I ARE THE ONLY ONES WHO REALLY KNOW THESE MODOC DEVILS! IT'LL BE WORTH THE TRIP TO WATCH THE LOOK ON DOC'S FACE WHEN HE GETS SHOT AT! ONLY I'M HIDING A GUN ON ME!

I AM FULLY AWARE THAT OUR LIVES ARE IN DANGER! BUT IF IT IS HIS WILL THAT I GIVE MY LIFE TO ACHIEVE A PEACE, I AM WILLING TO DO SO.



MEANWHILE...

SCARFACE, YOU KILL JOHNNY MACKAY! BOGUS CHARLIE SHOOT DYAR AND JIM GET DOCTOR MAN!

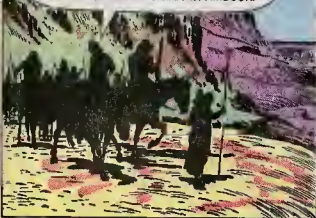


YOU-- WHICH ONE FOR YOU?

THE BIG GENERAL! I KILL HIM MYSELF!



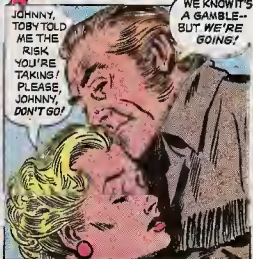
THAT TENT TOO SMALL FOR MEETING! IT JUST MARK PLACE WE POWWOW! ONLY FOUR OF US CAN BE SEEN RIDING THERE! REST OF YOU CRAWL DOWN AND WAIT IN AMBUSH!



AND JUST BEFORE NOON...

JOHNNY, TOBY TOLD ME THE RISK YOU'RE TAKING! PLEASE, JOHNNY, DON'T GO!

WE KNOW IT'S A GAMBLE-- BUT WE'RE GOING!



ONCE YOU THOUGHT NOTHING MORE IMPORTANT THAN PEACE! WHAT'S CHANGED TO MAKE YOU WANT ME TO STAY BEHIND?

M-MY FEELINGS FOR YOU CHANGED, JOHNNY-- YOUR LIFE'S WORTH MORE TO ME THAN ANY PEACE!

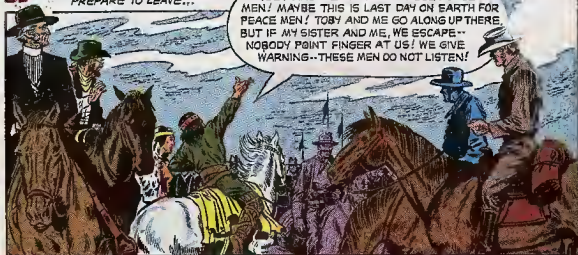
I-I SEE I CAN'T CHANGE YOUR MIND, JOHNNY-- BUT TAKE THIS GUN!

ALL RIGHT, NANCY! BUT I'LL BE HANDING IT BACK TO YOU BY SUNSET!



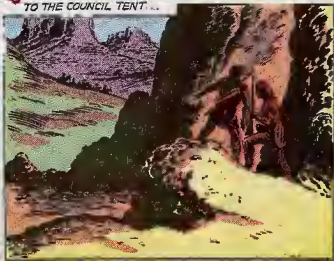
**A**ND AS THE PEACE COMMISSIONERS PREPARE TO LEAVE...

TOBY AND ME WARNED THESE PEACE MEN! MAYBE THIS IS LAST DAY ON EARTH FOR PEACE MEN! TOBY AND ME GO ALONG UP THERE, BUT IF MY SISTER AND ME, WE ESCAPE-- NOBODY POINT FINGER AT US! WE GIVE WARNING-- THESE MEN DO NOT LISTEN!



BROTHER OFFICERS AND MEN, SINCE WE ARE ASSURED THIS IS MY LAST DAY ON EARTH-- I BID YOU A LAST FAREWELL!

**Q**UICKLY, THE PEACE COMMISSIONERS RIDE UP THE SLOPE TO THE COUNCIL TENT...





WHEN WE REACH THE TENT, MIX WITH THEM SO THEY CAN'T OPEN FIRE! IF WE ARE ATTACKED, DYAR AND I WILL START SHOOTING! THE REST OF YOU RUN FOR COVER!



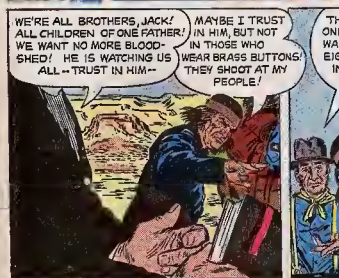
JACK, WE ARE WILLING AND READY TO HELP YOUR PEOPLE! I SPEAK AS A SOLDIER--WAR IS NO GOOD! WHAT IS YOUR PRICE FOR PEACE?

ALL LOST RIVER VALLEY TO THE KLAMATH! ALL WHITE MEN TO GET OUT QUICK!



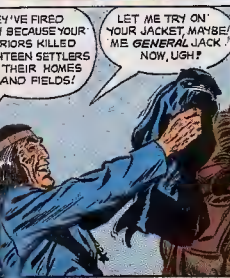
THAT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE! SOME OF THOSE SETTLERS HAVE BEEN THERE FOR TWENTY YEARS...

THEY NOT GO, THEY DIE!



WE'RE ALL BROTHERS, JACK! ALL CHILDREN OF ONE FATHER! WE WANT NO MORE BLOODSHED! HE IS WATCHING US ALL--TRUST IN HIM--

MAYBE I TRUST IN HIM, BUT NOT IN THOSE WHO WEAR BRASS BUTTONS! THEY SHOOT AT MY PEOPLE!

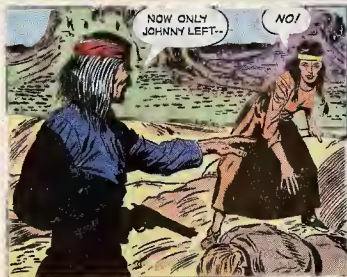


THEY'VE FIRED ONLY BECAUSE YOUR WARRIORS KILLED EIGHTEEN SETTLERS IN THEIR HOMES AND FIELDS!

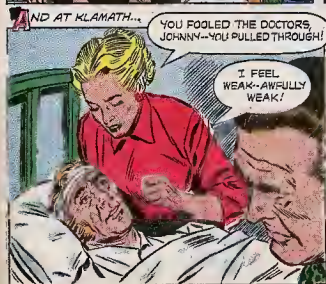
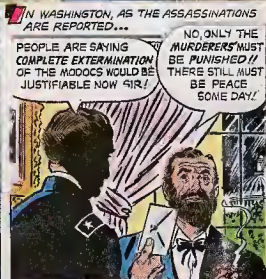
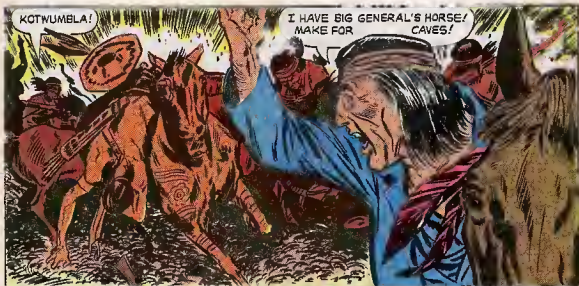
LET ME TRY ON YOUR JACKET, MAYBE! ME GENERAL JACK! NOW, UGH?











**T**HAT NIGHT...

GONE! THE WHOLE KIT AND KABOODLE! NOW IT'LL TAKE ALL THE ARMY AND US JUST TO FIND 'EM!



**A** FEW DAYS LATER, AS JOHNNY RECOVERS...

"EXTERMINATE"-.THE HATING'S GOTTEN AWFUL BIG AWFUL FAST! ALL THE GOOD DECENT INDIANS KILLED JUST TO GET EVEN WITH THE FEW BAD ONES! WHERE IS TOBY TONIGHT? DEAD-- BELIEVE THAT GOOD WILL AND PEACE COULD AGAIN COME TO HER LAND!



BUT WHO AM I TO TALK? THE HATE'S IN ME NOW, TOO--I'VE TELEGRAPHED THE PRESIDENT.

I'VE BROUGHT HIS ANSWER! AS SOON AS YOU'RE WELL, YOU'RE TO TAKE A VOLUNTEER COMPANY TO TRACK DOWN THE MURDERERS!



**L**ATER...

WE'RE GOING OUT AS TRACKERS! WE'RE LEAVING THE CAVALRY AT SURPRISE VALLEY! WE WON'T BE COMING BACK TILL CAPTAIN JACK AND HIS MURDERERS ARE ROUNDED UP!



WHAT'S THAT MODOC DOING WITH US?

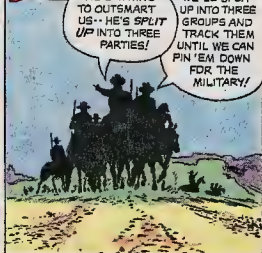
HE'S TOBY'S BROTHER! SCARFACE KILLED HIS SISTER. HE'S ASKED TO RIDE WITH US! LET'S GO!



**S**OON...

HE'S TRYING TO OUTSMART US-- HE'S SPLIT UP INTO THREE PARTIES!

WE'LL SPLIT UP INTO THREE GROUPS AND TRACK THEM UNTIL WE CAN PIN 'EM DOWN FOR THE MILITARY!





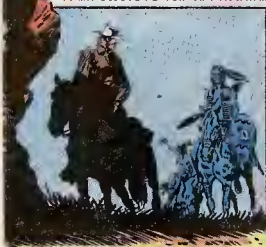
**MANOK AND A DOZEN FRONTIERSMEN PEEL OFF TO TRAIL THE MODOGS UNDER SCARFACE'S COMMAND.**



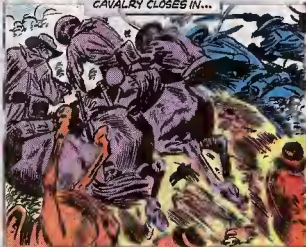
**BILL'S MEN TRACK BOGUS CHARLIE'S PARTY...**



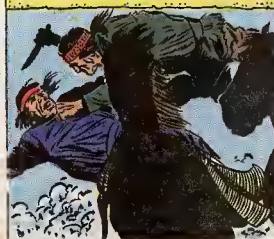
**WHILE JOHNNY AND TWO WARM SPRINGS ARMY SCOUTS FOLLOW CAPTAIN JACK...**



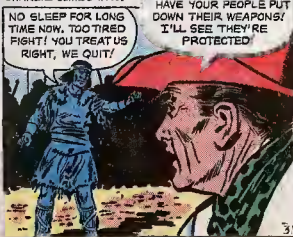
**TWO DAYS LATER, MANOK'S PARTY TRACKS DOWN THE BRAVES LED BY SCARFACE, AND THE CAVALRY CLOSES IN...**



**AND AS THE TROOPERS VANQUISH THE MODOGS, MANOK FINDS HIS SISTER'S SLAYER...**

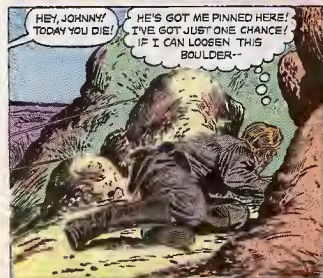
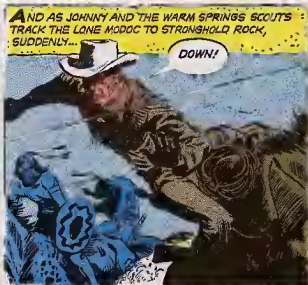


**THREE DAYS LATER, DOGGED CLOSELY BY BILL'S TRACKERS AND THE FOLLOWING CAVALRY, BOGUS CHARLIE COMES IN...**

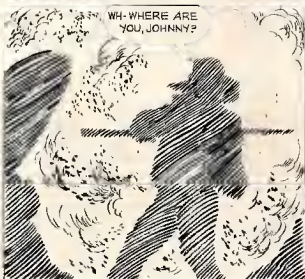
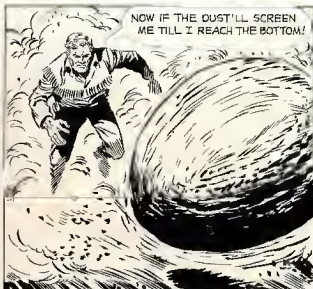


NO SLEEP FOR LONG TIME NOW. TOO TIRED FIGHT! YOU TREAT US RIGHT, WE QUIT!

HAVE YOUR PEOPLE PUT DOWN THEIR WEAPONS! I'LL SEE THEY'RE PROTECTED

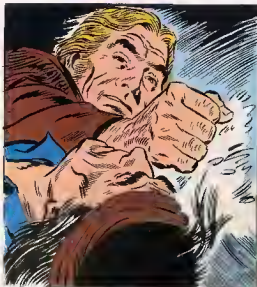


DELL COMICS ARE GOOD COMICS



IN A WILD HAND TO HAND FIGHT, THE TWO SLUGGING COMBATANTS REACH THE STREAM...





WHERE ARE THE  
REST OF YOUR MEN?

ALL GONE--  
CHICKEN HEARTS--  
ALL QUIT ME. NOW  
YOU KILL ME,  
JOHNNY...

THE ONLY WAY  
TO END THE KILL-  
INGS IS TO BRING  
YOU AND THE  
OTHERS TO TRIAL!  
MOUNT UP! IT'LL  
BE YOUR LAST  
RIDE!

BUT I RIDE IN-  
TO FORT ON CANBY'S  
HORSE AND IN HIS  
UNIFORM! THEY  
SALUTE ME LIKE  
GENERAL THERE,  
MAYBE.

ONE BY ONE, THE MURDERERS ARE BROUGHT TO TRIAL AND PUN-  
ISHED! AND CAPTAIN JACK, PROVEN GUILTY OF KILLING COLONEL  
MEEK FOR HIS MEDALS, IS THE LAST MODOC TO MOUNT THE SCAFFOLD.

HELLO, JOHNNY! YOU  
BETTER FIGHTER THAN  
PEACE MAN!

MAYBE! WE COULD'VE SAVED A LOT  
OF LIVES ON BOTH SIDES IF YOU  
HADN'T TRIED TO GRAB COUNTRY  
THAT WASN'T YOURS!



I SCARE  
EVERYBODY  
PLENTY!

YOU DID! YOU SCARED A  
LOT OF PEOPLE! BUT YOU  
MADE ONE MISTAKE-- YOU  
DIDN'T FIGURE FOLKS WOULD  
FIGHT FOR PEACE... EVEN  
GIVE THEIR LIVES FOR IT!



AND THEN PEACE COMES TO  
MODOC COUNTRY-- A PEACE THAT  
WASN'T WON JUST BY WANTING  
IT-- A PEACE THAT COST  
PLENTY. ONCE MORE, THE  
FARLANDS ARE SEEDED  
AND THE PIONEER  
FAMILIES SETTLE IN  
THE FAR WEST.